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PART I

IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT ORDERS

DEVELOPMENT SECRETARIAT

Working of the Income-tax Department for the year 1932-33.

READ—

Letter No. C. 41—33-34, dated the 28th October 1933, from the Commissioner of Income-tax in Mysore, forwarding the report on the Administration of the Income-tax Department for the year 1932-33.

ORDER NO. FL. 3176-95—I. T. 15-33-3, DATED BANGALORE, THE 9—13TH DECEMBER 1933.

Recorded.

2. (*a*) The reciprocal arrangements for affording relief from double taxation in regard to incomes from dividends, professions and vocations were extended to the Civil and Military Station, Bangalore, during the year under review.

(*b*) With a view to examine the cases of potential assessees and also to prevent leakage of revenue in Bangalore, the appointment of one of the accountants as an additional Inspector of Income-tax was sanctioned tentatively for a period of two years.

3. *Assessment Work.*—The cases assessed to tax during the year were 5,208 as against 5,288 in the preceding year.

4. *Demand and Collection.*—The total demand for the year including arrears on the 1st of July 1932, under income-tax amounted to Rs. 11,67,737 as against Rs. 11,52,093 in the year 1931-32 and the corresponding demand under super-tax was Rs. 3,07,764 against Rs. 2,93,219 in the previous year thus showing an increase in total demand under both heads.

The net demand for the year under income-tax amounted to Rs. 10,13,868 as against Rs. 11,14,726 in the preceding year, collections amounting to Rs. 9,59,817 as against Rs. 10,63,553 in 1931-32. Under super-tax, the net demand for the year was Rs. 3,01,628 as against Rs. 2,91,455 in the preceding year while the collections under this head amounted to Rs. 3,04,208 as against Rs. 2,86,296 of the previous year. The balance at the close of the year was Rs. 57,345 under income-tax and Rs. 3,556 under super-tax.

5. The incidence of tax in the year under review, calculated on the resultant demand, was 2 annas 8·6 pies under income-tax and 9 pies under super-tax as against 2 annas 8·2 pies and 8·7 pies respectively, in the preceding year.

6. The Commissioner of Income-tax inspected during the year only four out of eight Deputy Commissioners' Offices (income-tax) and also the Office of the Special Deputy Commissioner of Income-tax, Bangalore. The Deputy Commissioners are reported to have inspected all the Income-tax Offices in their jurisdiction.

7. The working of the Department during the year under review was, on the whole, satisfactory.

S. ABDUL WAJID,
Secretary to Government,
Development Department.

Working of the Stores Purchase Committee.

READ—

The annual Administration Report on the working of the Stores Purchase Committee for the year 1932-33, received with letter No. S. P. C. 8427, dated the 21st October 1933, from the Secretary of the Committee.

ORDER NO. G. 3826-76—G. M. 75-33-3, DATED BANGALORE, THE 4TH DECEMBER 1933.

Recorded.

2. *Rājakaryaprasakta, Diwan Bahadur* Mr. M. N. Krishna Rao, First Member, of Council, presided over the Committee from 1st July to 6th November 1932, and from 16th January to 19th April 1933, and Mr. S. P. Rajagopalachari, Second Member of Council, presided during the rest of the year. Messrs. B. K. Garudachar and K. S. Aiyar were re-nominated as non-official members of the Committee for a further period of one year.

3. The Committee met four times during the year and in addition to the usual business of consideration and disposal of tenders, etc., considered general questions such as a review of the existing arrangements for purchases of railway stores, securing of better freight rates on materials imported from America and certain suggestions put forward by the Trade Commissioner for Mysore regarding the present procedure regulating foreign purchases arranged by the Committee.

4. The services of Messrs. Rendel Palmer and Tritton were utilised entirely in connection with the purchases of the Railway Department. Their relations with the Trade Commissioner and the Committee were satisfactory. The relations of Messrs. Best & Co., our clearing Agents at Madras, with the Committee were very cordial. It is calculated that by the adoption of a flat rate of harbour dues in respect of stores other than railway materials, which was referred to in last year's report, the Committee have secured a saving of about Rs. 2,600 to Government in cranage charges, etc.

5. The total value of stores purchased both in India and abroad amounted to Rs. 29,20,421 against Rs. 21,74,317 in 1931-32. Of this, Rs. 10,18,341 represents the value of articles made in India.

6. Foreign exchanges continued to be unsettled throughout the year under review and firms outside the United Kingdom were nervous to quote firm prices. The Ottawa Trade Agreement under which materials manufactured outside the United Kingdom were assessed to customs duty at higher rates, also affected the purchases to a certain extent.

7. During the year under report, sanction was accorded to the addition of a Testing Branch to the Industrial Laboratory as an auxiliary of the Stores Purchase Committee and a scale of fees to be levied for tests has also been prescribed. The services of this Testing Laboratory will also be available to all Government Departments who may have problems requiring investigation, or material requiring to be tested.

8. The incidence of cost of the Stores Purchase Committee and allied organisations for the purchase of stores was 1·40 per cent during the year under report as against 1·65 per cent during 1931-32.

9. The work of the Committee continued to be satisfactory.

S. ABDUL WAJID,
Secretary to Government,
Development Department.